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1. In the Velka Upa I and Velka Upa II areas there are new uranium mines; work started on 1 Dec 51. The location of these mines is shown as point 1 and 2 of Enclosure (A): Sketch of Vrchlabi, with Legend, 50X1
2. Other such uranium mines have been opened in the Norni Mala Upa and the Dolni Mala Upa areas; work started in March 1952. The approximate location of these mines is also shown as point 3 of Enclosure (A).
3. The mines are under Soviet administration and are subordinate to the directorate of the uranium mines in Jachymov.
4. Test drilling began in the Spindleruv Mlyn area; it is believed that the soil contains uranium ore. It is also expected that the Spindleruv Mlyn recreation center will be vacated and the whole area become a mine.
5. Construction of a new power plant began in January 1952 in the village of Porici. The area was levelled with bulldozers and cement; timber, iron and steel were hauled to the site by trucks. Admission to the construction site was strictly forbidden. A power plant built earlier is also located in the village of Porici.
6. A new airport is under construction in the area near the village of Batnovice. The area dimensions are approximately 1800 x 1800 m and the site has already been leveled by bulldozers. the foundations of a steel and concrete hangar were already completed; these were approximately three m in height. The airport is a new one. 50X1

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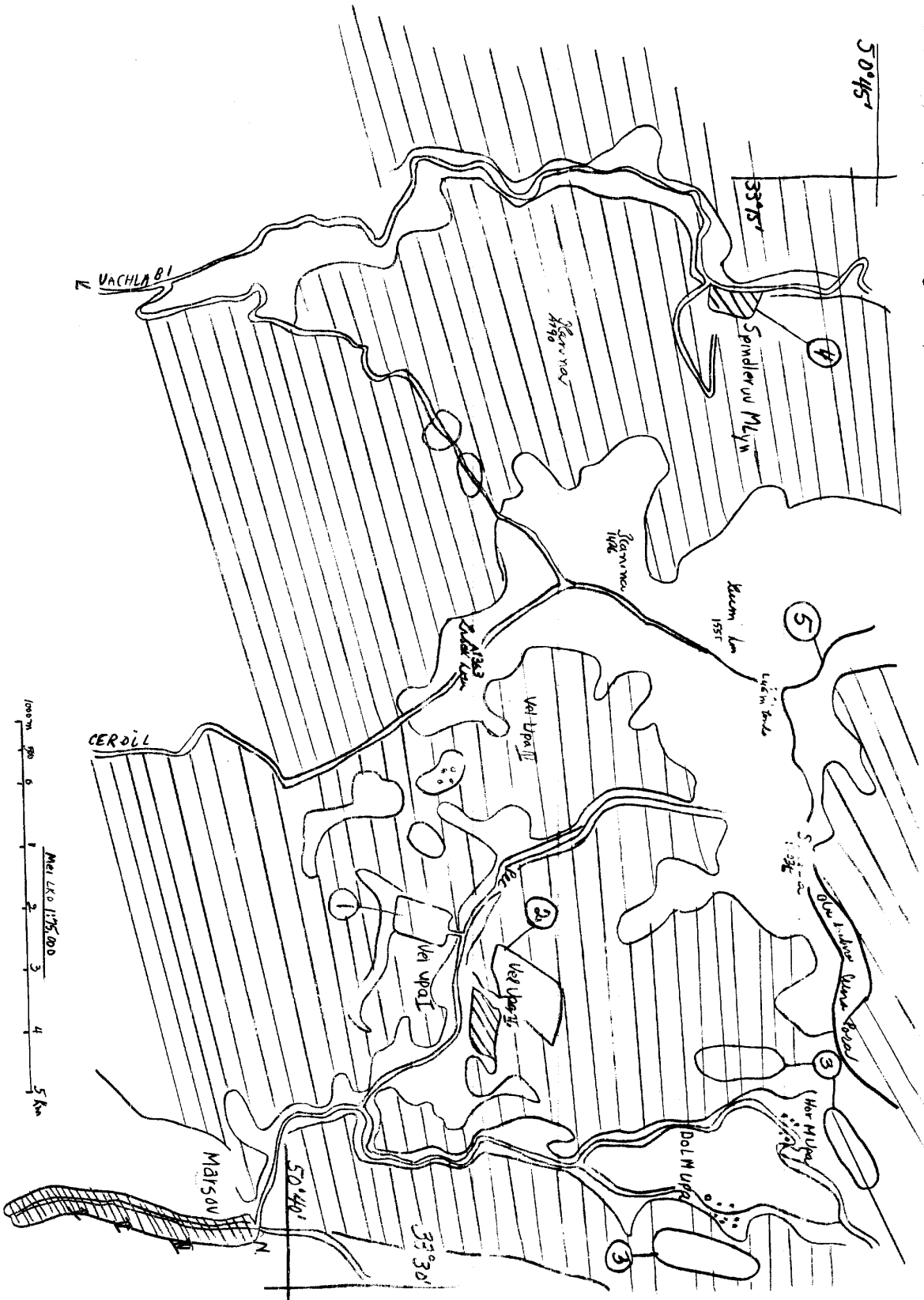
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SKETCH OF VROELABI

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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Legend

1. Uranium mines in Velka Upa I. The mines are located close to the state highway. From the highway an underground corridor leads to the mines, which are on a hill in the forest. These mines were opened in 50X1
2. Velka Upa II uranium mines. The mines are in the forest and are approximately 1000 to 2000 m from the state highway. The mines are indicated in outline by dotted lines in the sketch.
3. The newly opened uranium mines are also shown by dotted lines in the sketch; the work in these mines began in 50X1
4. Spindleruv Mlyn (Spindelmuhle) recreation center. It is believed that new uranium mines will be opened before long in this area.
5. Line indicating state highway.

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